



ORCHARD PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Home of the Panthers



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WELCOME BACK!

Welcome to the 2014-15 school year! We have some new faces on staff. Everyone is very excited to get things rolling. We will continue to work hard at communicating special events so please be sure we have an email or phone number that we can contact you at. The doors will be locked during school hours to ensure student safety so if you need to come in please ring the buzzer. We always welcome parents to be part of the school so please consider joining the school council or volunteering in the school. If ever you have a concern or question contact me so we can work it out.

Help us make this an awesome year!

Eileen Wise, Principal

STUDENT SAFETY

Thanks to all our families who followed our program from last year. For our new families we ask for your child to be ready to "hop" out of your car when you pull up to the "Kiss and Ride" and please ensure you pull to the far end of the school where our monitors are wearing safety vests.

NO PARKING IN OUR DRIVEWAY

Our walkers are sharing the school driveway with cars and buses. Every year we close the driveway for parking during the winter months for the safety of our students. We suggest using the Fittons West Parking lot and crossing guard.

ANAPHYLAXIS

Thank you to all of our families who are remembering to check food for nuts (or food contaminated by nuts). We appreciate your support!

INDOOR/OUTDOOR SHOES

In an effort to keep our school clean, students change their outdoor shoes to indoor shoes while in the classrooms and gymnasium. Having an inexpensive pair of shoes kept at school will help maintain clean classrooms, gymnasium and hallways.

OPEN HOUSE, MEET THE STAFF, PIZZA-Q AND BOOK FAIR!!!

Please join us for our open house on **Thursday, September 18, 2014!** As part of our school food program we will be offering Tops in Pizza which has changed from last year's supplier. We are pleased to offer Top's Pizza to our families at our Open House at a cost of \$2.00 per slice as well as juice and water for 50¢. Food and drinks will be available from 5-7 p.m. At that time, the classrooms will open so that you can meet your child (ren's) teacher. The Book Fair will be open from 5-7 p.m.

LUNCH ORDERS

Our milk, pizza and hot dog program will be starting in October. Please look for order forms going home with your child the week of September 15, 2014. We are pleased to be offering Tops in Pizza at a cost of \$2.00 per slice. Please ensure that the orders are returned on time. **Late orders cannot be accepted.**

FOOD PROGRAM & VOLUNTEERS

Our food program will be starting up soon. Volunteers will once again be needed & certainly appreciated. If you can find some time, to come in to help either count money, make hotdogs or fill snack baskets, please let us know in the office and we will pass your name forward. Stay tuned for information about this year's start date!

SAFE WELCOME

Front door intercom and video technology has been installed at our school. The same technology was installed at all elementary schools in our school board. The technology was funded by the Ontario Government as part of a program called Safe Welcome. The intention is for all elementary schools in Ontario to have front entrance doors locked during the school day. Our doors will be locked during class time only. To access the building during this time, you will need to ring the buzzer. Staff will be responsible for checking the monitor and buzzing visitors in. It's one more way we can monitor who is visiting our school. It will help us ensure all visitors sign in at the office. Our primary teachers will be showing their classes the new technology—we are calling it a doorbell. We will also make an announcement for all students so they know they will need to use the doorbell if they arrive late for school, or return to school after an appointment. We wanted to make sure you were aware of this security enhancement at our school. As always, if you have any questions, please call or visit the office.



Supervision Starts	8:50
Period #1	9:00 – 9:50
Period #2	9:50 – 10:40
Nutrition	10:40 – 11:00
Fitness	11:00 – 11:20
Period #3	11:20 – 12:10
Period #4	12:10– 1:00
Nutrition	1:00 – 1:20
Fitness	1:20 – 1:50
Period #5	1:50 – 2:40
Period #6	2:40 – 3:30
<i>Students are directed to go home immediately.</i>	

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Student injuries at school, during school events, and extra-curricular activities (athletics, clubs, and out-of-province/out-of-country field trips) are not covered by the Board or its insurance company. While every precaution is taken to provide a safe learning environment, accidents can and do happen. Due to recent injuries in Ontario during school extra-curricular activities and field trips, and the resulting legal claims, a risk exposure to school boards has been highlighted. It is essential that all those participating in out of regular school extra-curricular activities have adequate insurance coverage for all instances of injury.

The Simcoe County District School Board has selected Reliable Life Insurance Company as an option for students/parents/guardians to consider with regards to purchasing student accident insurance coverage for the upcoming school year. The coverage is for 24 hours a day. Reliable Life offers a variety of plans and benefits at reasonable annual prices.

Coverage can be purchased online also at

www.insuremykids.com .

Please watch for your student accident insurance package along with a letter about requirements for extra-curricular activities.

During morning break kindergarten students eat during the first 20 minutes and go outside during the second 20 minutes. Grades 1 – 8 go outside during the first 20 minutes and eat the second 20 minutes. This allows for more use of equipment and space and a smoother transition to learning.

GIFTED SCREENING PROCESS

Some children who display an unusually advanced degree of general intellectual ability may require additional program support in order to reach their educational potential.

In consultation with parents, the school staff determines who these students are through the gifted screening process.

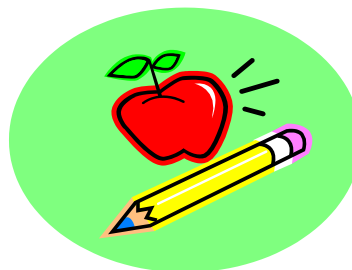
If your child is in or above Grade 3 this year, and you would like him/her to be considered for gifted screening, please contact Laurie Bertils, Special Education Resource Teacher.

The gifted screening process, which takes place this fall, consists of three components:

1. a Teacher Rating Scale;
2. a Parent Questionnaire;
3. standardized test results (usually the Otis Lennon School Ability Test)

After signing a permission form, parents/legal guardian will complete the Parent Questionnaire. Information obtained from this questionnaire will help the school gain a better understanding of your child's early development as well as his/her strengths, interests, needs and abilities, which the standardized test may not identify. The teacher will complete a Rating Scale, which examines areas such as learning, motivation, creativity and leadership, which he/she has observed in the classroom. Group testing will be completed and the results will provide a standardized measure of school abilities. The information gathered from all three components will assist the school in programming for your child.

If you require information about the gifted screening process, please contact the school.



**Orchard Park Library, Computer Lab and
Book Fair Information**

SIGN OUT RESOURCES

Students sign out all materials using TLC, our automated library system.

Materials may be kept for two weeks. If after two weeks the student still requires the material(s) they may return it to school for another two week renewal.

OVERDUE MATERIALS

If material(s) have not been returned or renewed in the two week period, the following steps will be taken by the teacher-librarian:

If the library materials are not returned on time the student will be given an overdue slip and no further materials may be signed out until the missing material(s), or the overdue slip, is returned to the school.

Should the student, parent or guardian not be able to locate the materials the parent or guardian should sign the overdue slip and return it to the library. The materials(s) will then be marked as lost and the student may again borrow materials.

It should be noted that, on occasion, the book might have been returned but not checked in on the computer so the fault does not lie with the student. Please sign the overdue slip in any case, to indicate that you have checked at home and we will continue looking at school. If your child seems overly concerned regarding a lost or overdue book, or any other library related issue, please call Mr. Jones, the librarian, so he can help the student deal with whatever is causing their concern.

BORROWING LIMITS

Kindergarten	– one item
Grades One to Three	– two items
Grades Four to Eight	– three items



LOST MATERIALS

On occasion, material(s) a student signed out may go missing and they will need to return the overdue slip, mentioned above, signed by their parent or guardian. The material(s) will then be marked as lost and the child will get back their borrowing privileges. It is not necessary to pay for a book at this time as it may have been lost in the library, or may turn up at home. Towards the end of the year, if the book is still missing, a note will be sent home reminding parents of this lost item. If the parent or guardian feels it was their child's fault the item is missing, they may voluntarily replace the book or material with a similar one from home.

Library Times

- Primary classes will all receive one library/book exchange period each week. Students are always welcome in the library any time during regular class time, with the permission of their teacher.
- The library is also open to students at recesses and lunch recess for work related to classroom programs, unless the teacher-librarian is providing extra-curricular activities outside of the library.

COMPUTERS

It is anticipated that every classroom in the school will have a minimum of one networked computer. Most classes will also sign up for a lab time on the library's computer lab. The school has a website on the Internet. The address of the website is: orc.scdsb.on.ca

Library Volunteers

If any parents are interested in volunteering a couple of hours a week to help out in the library the duties are variable and the hours extremely flexible. You could choose to enter new books onto the computer, type labels for new books, shelve books, or put books in alphabetical order on the shelves. All skills are easy to learn. If you have any interest in helping out, please contact Mr. Jones, teacher-librarian, at Orchard Park E.S. (325-7772)

Student Council

Purpose

- to bring student's ideas and concerns to the attention of the staff
- to provide programs for the students eg. dances, Holiday House, spirit days etc.
- to provide one member to sit on the School Council
- to encourage participation and school spirit in our house league program

Composition

TWO grade seven and eight students from each house act as house leaders. (Total of eight)

One representative from each class will be elected from grades four to six.

Elections

Elections will take place in mid-September to early October.

NOTE: The staff of Orchard Park E.S. are very proud of our Student Council members, who, in the past, have given so much of their time and effort on behalf of their fellow students.

ORCHARD PARK E.S. BOOK FAIR



Orchard Park E.S. will be holding a book fair between Sept. 18 - Sept. 19, 2014. The purpose of this book fair is to raise money for the library, to allow us to increase our collection of reading materials and to support library programs. This would be a great way to start your children off on a year of exciting reading.

NEW

Classroom Wish List

In order to build a classroom library in your child's own class there will be a Classroom Wish List poster board at the book fair near the checkout desk. Several teachers will have listed books they would like to have available in their class for students. If you wish to buy one of these books for to your child's class, check on the board for titles, purchase a book, and get a bookplate to glue into the book showing your name as the parent who donated this book. Either leave the book with Mr. Jones, or personally give it to the classroom teacher. You may also make a cash donation to the teacher to purchase books for your child's class off the book fair. See Mr. Jones for a donation page.

The book fair will be open to parents and students on the school's Open House Night of Thursday, **Sept. 18, between 5:00-7:00 p.m.** We would appreciate kindergarten and grade one students doing all their purchasing at the Open House, while in their parent/guardian's company. **Any purchase, on Wednesday night, entitles a parent/guardian to enter a draw. The prize is \$25 in books for their child and \$25 in books for their child's class.** We will draw the winning name on Friday. Students in grades 2-8 will be given a time that they may visit the book fair to look at the books, but not purchase books, with their classes on Wednesday, Sept. 17. **Students in grades 2-8 may purchase books on Thursday, Sept. 18.** Students may also have a short time to purchase books on **Friday, Sept. 19 between 9:05-10:30 a.m.**

Should any book be sold out, we may order the book and it will be delivered on **Tues. Sept. 23.** Students that wish to purchase more than one poster during school hours will need to bring a note of permission from their parents.

We look forward to seeing you and your child at the book fair, in the library, on Open House night. Thank you very much to parents for supporting this activity.

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

Sabrina's Law is an Act to protect anaphylactic pupils and is currently in effect at all schools in Ontario. As part of Sabrina's Law there is a requirement that every school principal develop an individual medical emergency plan for each pupil who has an anaphylactic allergy. In order to protect students within our school community to the best of our ability it is critical for parents of children with an anaphylactic allergy to do the following:

- Inform the school principal of your child's allergies
- Work with the school to complete an Anaphylaxis Emergency Plan which has child's photograph, allergy information, contact information and emergency plan.
- Provide a medic alert bracelet for your child to wear at all times
- Encourage your child to keep an epinephrine auto-injector (Epipen) on their person when age appropriate.
- Provide an up to date/non expired epinephrine auto-injector (Epipen) that may be kept in the office or in a mutually agreed upon location within the school. Parents should keep a log of expiry dates and replace outdated auto-injectors.
- It is mandatory that a medical form be completed and submitted to the office before any medication can be administered

We encourage all those within our school community to become familiar with signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis and how to respond or access assistance in the event of an anaphylactic emergency. Together we can help create a safe and supportive learning environment for all our students.

PICTURE DAY!

Edge Imaging Photographers will be at Orchard Park on Friday October 3, 2014 for individual student & class photos! Retakes will take place on Tuesday November 4, 2014.



OP STRINGS

Registration for OP Strings has begun and a form has been sent home with your child with all the important details!

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

A permission form for students interested in running has been sent home. Please sign and return the form as soon as possible. Practices start soon!

Week of September 15 – Food Orders Go Home
Thursday September 18 – OPEN HOUSE 5-7 P.M.
Friday October 3 – Picture Day



FROM THE OFFICE

**We ask that you please call or leave a message
on our safe arrival line if your child(ren) are
going to be late or absent.
705-325-7772 ext. 26102**

2014-2015 PA Day and Holiday Programs



We are pleased to support your child care needs by offering full-day child care programs

in select schools across Simcoe County on PA Days and School Holidays in the 2014/15 school year



Registration

Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly.

Ages: JK to 12 years

Daily fee: \$33.50

Fee Subsidy may be available to families who qualify. For more information about fee subsidy, call 705-722-3132 or 905-729-4514.

Hours: Contact the operator to confirm exact hours at your location. Winter Break hours are 7:30am to 6:00pm.

PA Days:

Sept. 26, Oct. 27, Nov. 14, Jan. 30, June 5, June 26

School Holidays:

Dec. 22-24, Dec. 29-31, Jan. 2, Mar. 16-20

*Some days may vary by operator, confirm with child care operator

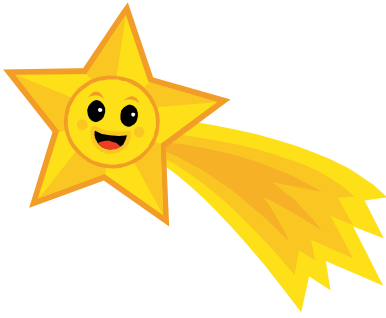
Additional days at Ernest Cumberland:

Oct. 14-17, Feb. 17-18, May 19-22

For more information visit

www.scdsb.on.ca

Community	School	Operator	Phone Number
Alliston	Alliston Union PS Ernest Cumberland ES	Upper Canada YMCA	705-435-9861 705-435-8897
Barrie	Algonquin Ridge ES Ardagh Bluffs PS Emma King ES Ferndale Woods ES Hewitt's Creek PS Hillcrest PS Hyde Park PS Mapleview Heights ES Steele Street PS Trillium Woods ES Willow Landing ES	SEEDS SEEDS Upper Canada YMCA York Professional YMCA Upper Canada York Professional York Professional York Professional Upper Canada	705-726-3770 705-792-1580 705-726-5674 705-733-3833 705-737-5430 705-735-9169 705-726-5674 705-739-1350 705-737-5430 705-728-5430 705-735-8883
Beeton	Tecumseth Beeton ES	Bradford Progress	905-965-4897
Bradford	WH Day ES Fred C Cook PS	YMCA Bradford Progress	905-778-2072 905-715-3509
Collingwood	Mountain View PS	YMCA	705-444-0188
Cookstown	Cookstown Central PS	Upper Canada	705-241-7893
Everett	Tosoronto Central PS	Upper Canada	705-718-0482
Guthrie	Guthrie PS	Upper Canada	705-718-0947
Innisfil	Goodfellow PS Sunnybrae PS	YMCA Upper Canada	705-431-5581 705-241-0193
Midland	Mundy's Bay PS	YMCA	705-528-8939
Orillia	Harriett Todd PS Lions Oval PS	YMCA YMCA	705-329-3996 705-326-8091
Minesing	Minesing Central PS	YMCA	705-725-5453
Tottenham	Tottenham PS	YMCA	905-936-6866
Wasaga Beach	Birchview Dunes ES	YMCA	705-429-5999



NEWSLETTER

In keeping with our focus on technology, we will be posting our newsletters on our school website. If you could please indicate below if you would like to receive the newsletter through your child or from the schools' website and return to your child's teacher!

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_____ I would like to continue to receive a hard copy of the newsletter and I would like it sent home with my child:

Student Name: _____

Teacher: _____

_____ I will download the newsletter off the school webpage at <http://orc.scdsb.on.ca>



**SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENT CANDIDATE
NOMINATION FORM**

Orchard Park Elementary School

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone # _____ Business Phone # _____

I am the parent/guardian of _____ (name and date of birth) who is currently registered at this school.

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent representative on the school council. I understand the role and responsibilities of a member of the school council as described on the reverse side of this form.

I understand that employees of the Simcoe County District School Board cannot run as parent representatives for school councils if they are employed at the school. If they are employed elsewhere they can run providing they inform their school community of that employment.

Candidate's Signature _____ Date _____

Received by _____ Time _____ Date _____

Nomination Form Receipt

The nomination form for parent representative on the School Council for Orchard Park Elementary School has been received.

(School Official)

(Date)